Mumbai Sewage Disposal Project

1337. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Maharashtra had submitted a proposal to his Ministry for grant/credit/loan from World Bank for Mumbai Sewage Disposal Project stage-II works;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the State Government has complied with all the procedures which were required for external assistance by a debt stressed State; and

(d) if so, the present stage at which the said proposal stands?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) Yes, Sir. The Government of Maharashtra has submitted a proposal to this Ministry for seeking the World Bank assistance for Mumbai Sewage Disposal Project Stage-II Works.

(b) The State Government proposal consists of two parts, namely, Mumbai Sewage Disposal Project Stage-II for US $ 432 million and Slum Sanitation Programme of US $ 110 million. Components under the Mumbai Sewage Disposal Project Stage-II are rehabilitation of sewers and manholes, diversion of all illegal connections (house connections discharging to storm water drains or nallahs) to the foul sewer system, provision of new and up-sized sewers to carry predicted flows, remedy of problems at the pumping stations, replacement of old pumps and equipments, modification of the treatment works, etc. Areas to be covered under Sewerage Works include Colaba, Worli, Bandra, Versova, Malad, Bhandup & Ghatkopar.

Mumbai Sewage Disposal Project Stage-II was recomended to Deptt. of Economic Affairs for financial assistance through World Bank in the year 2004. The State was, however, categorized as "debt stressed" State from debt sustainability point of view. Accordingly, the Deptt. of Economic Affairs informed that since Maharashtra is a debt stressed State, these proposals could not be forwarded to the World Bank.

In addition to above, Deptt. of Economic Affairs also informed that in November, 2004, Chief Minister of Maharashtra requested for engaging the World Bank to prepare a five year business plan for transforming Mumbai into a world class city and to include Mumbai Sewage Disposal Project Stage-II in the comprehensive plan for the city. Subsequently, Deptt. of

Economic Affairs requested the World Bank in February, 2005 to field a dedicated multi-sectoral team to draft a comprehensive strategy for the city. Two multi-sectoral teams of the World Bank have undertaken intensive consultations with the State Government in March, 2005 & November, 2005 for formulating a comprehensive proposal for transforming Mumbai city into a world class city.

(c) As per Deptt. of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance, the Government of Maharashtra is still in the category of a debt stressed State from the debt sustainability point of view.

(d) As per the request of the State Government the Mumbai Sewage Disposal Project Stage-II is being considered as part of comprehensive plan being developed for transforming Mumbai city into a world class city. Two multi-sectoral teams of the World Bank have undertaken intensive consultations with the State Government in March, 2005 & November, 2005.

Construction of flyover in Mumbai

1338.SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Government of Mahrashtra has appointed a committee for construction of flyover and other measures for smooth traffic movement in Mumbai in the year of 1996 and accordingly submitted its report in 1997;

(b) whether the said committee suggested a tunnel road below the Juhu Airport as part of improvement of traffic in Mumbai;

(c) if so, whether the work has started on the said project;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor and by when it is expected to be started;

(e) whether any financial allocation has been made in this regard; and

(f) the expected date of completion of the project?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) No, Sir. The Ministry of Urban Development has not received any intimation/proposal in this regard.

(b) to (f) Questions do not arise in view of above.